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US Department of Justice
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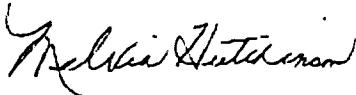
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to voice my opinion on Microsoft. I support the Microsoft settlement and feel that this company has been penalized for being successful. I feel this settlement will serve in the best public interest.

This settlement is complete and thorough. Microsoft did not get off easy. Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit, for the sake of wrapping it up. Microsoft has also agreed to be monitored by a technical oversight committee created by the government.

Microsoft is a company that has contributed a great deal to our society and daily lives. This company should not be stifled. Please support this settlement. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Melvia Hutchinson

cc: Representative Mel Watt